(b) if not, the fact in this regard;

(c) the quantum of power generated as per the established capacity in the country from April, 2005 to January, 2006; and

(d) the assessment regarding the total power production capacity to be set up during March, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The quantum of power generated as per the established capacity in the country from April, 2005 to January, 2006 has been 512.27 billion units.

(d) During the current year, so far 3015 MW power generation capacity have been added. In addition, another 2066 MW are likley to be added by the end of March, 2006.

Additional power generation target

†481. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a target was fixed to set up projects for additional power generation in the country during the year 2005-06;

(b) if so, the quantum of additional power targeted to be generated;

(c) whether it is also a fact that actual production is likely to be less than one-third of the fixed target; and

(d) if not, Government's assessment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. A target of 6934.52 MW has been fixed for capacity addition during 2005-06. The generation target for the year 2005-06 has been fixed at 621.5 billion units, which includes generation from the existing plants as well as capacity planned to be added during the current year.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Against a target of 621.5 Billion Units, power generation to the tune of 512.266 Billion units has already been achieved upto 31st January, 2006.

Distinct electricity supply system for rural areas

482. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the States have completed notification of rural areas as required under the Electricity Act, 2003;

(b) if not, the details of non-complaint States and the reasons for their non-compliance;

(c) what steps are being taken to expedite such notification;

(d) whether Government propose to create a distinct electricity supply system for the rural areas as envisaged in the Mid-Term review of current Plan; and

(e) if so, the detailed time-frame therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Notification of rural areas is one of the pre-conditions for implementation of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) All the States entering into agreements under the scheme have to notify rural areas. Twelve States (12) namely Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Bihar Jharkhand, Orissa, Assam, Mizoram and Nagaland have already notified rural areas under Electricity Act, 2003. Others are in the process of notifying the same. Ministry of Power is pursuing with States to expedite it.

(d) and (e) Mid-Term appraisal States that, "The Electricity Act de-licenses notified rural areas completely for generation, transmission and distribution of electricity. However, this requires that the States notify rural areas. Such notification could see the emergence of independent rural suppliers of electricity." Under RGGVY, *inter-alia* there is a provision of